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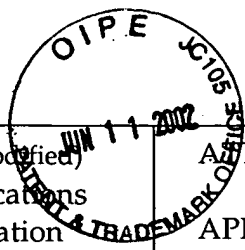
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	A4	4,347,001	8/1982	Levy et al.			
	A5	4,378,159	3/1983	Galbraith			
	A6	4,448,532	5/1984	Joseph et al.			
	A7	4,532,650	7/1985	Wihl et al.			
	A8	4,555,798	11/1985	Broadbent, Jr. et al.			
	A9	4,556,317	12/1985	Sandland et al.			
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	A14	4,579,463	4/1986	Rosencwaig et al.			
	A15	4,587,432	5/1986	Aitken			
	A16	4,599,558	7/1986	Castellano, Jr. et al.			
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	A19	4,619,529	10/1986	Iuchi et al.			
	A20	4,633,504	12/1986	Wihl			
	A21	4,641,967	2/1987	Pecen			
	A22	4,644,172	2/1987	Sandland et al.			
	A23	4,645,929	2/1987	Criegern et al.			
	A24	4,710,030	12/1987	Tauc et al.			
	A25	4,733,091	3/1988	Robinson et al.			
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	A69	5,604,344	2/1997	Finarov			
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	A72	5,619,548	4/1997	Koppel			
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	A76	5,650,731	7/1997	Fung et al.			
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	A86	5,740,226	4/1998	Komiya et al.			
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	A89	5,754,297	5/1998	Nulman			
	A90	5,757,507	5/1998	Ausschnitt et al.			
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	A95	5,798,829	8/1998	Vaez-Iravani			
	A96	5,798,837	8/1998	Aspnes et al.			
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	A101	5,844,684	12/1998	Maris et al.			
	A102	5,849,136	12/1998	Mintz et al.			
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	A106	5,867,590	2/1999	Eylon			
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	A122	5,920,076	7/1999	Burgin et al.			
	A123	5,926,690	7/1999	Toprac et al.			
	A124	5,930,138	7/1999	Lin et al.			
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	A128	5,955,661	9/1999	Samsavar et al.			
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	A142	6,012,966	1/2000	Ban et al.			
	A143	6,020,214	2/2000	Watanabe et al.			
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	A149	6,040,198	3/2000	Komiya et al.			
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